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Istook Statement on the Child Custody Protection Act

Washington, D.C. - The House today approved the Child Custody Protection Act, making it a federal crime to transport minors across state lines for an abortion, if their state of residence requires parental notice or consent. Congressman Ernest Istook voted for the bill, and commented:

"Our nation suffers when the law helps to weaken the bond between parent and child. When a teen becomes pregnant, they need a loving family more than ever. It makes a bad situation even worse when someone else pushes that child toward an abortion, hiding the fact from the family. It wrongs both the living child and the unborn child."